Central assistance for the construction of irrigation projects in Kerala

1921. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVA-TTOM; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation projects are under construction in Kerala at present;

(b) how^nany of these project's were initiated more than ten years ago;

(c) what is the total central aid granted for these projects so far; and

(d) whether any more central or fore. ign aid will be given to Kerala for the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M, M. JACOB); (a) 22 projcts.

(b) *11* projects,

(c) and (d) While Rs. 3.5 crores were granted under Drought Relief Programme during 1987-88, the Government of Kerala has utilised World Bank Credit Assistance of about US $ 68 million for Kallade Irrigation Project and tree crop development till December, 1988 The Credit Assistance for this project has not been extended beyond March, 1989.

Felling of trees in reserved forests in Dar-jeeling

1922. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRON MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the massive felling of trees in reserved forests in Darjeeling during the G.N.L.F, movement damaging the ecological balance to a great extent which is still continuing; and

(b) if so, what steps Government hav* taken to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (MRS. SUMATT ORAON): (a) .and (b) The Government of West Bengal have informed that they are aware of the felling of trees in the reserved forests in Darjeeling District during the G.N.L.F, movement. To check the menace, special raids both by forest and police departments have beea organised from time to time.

Income tax arrears pending realisation from Central Ministers

1923. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) -what are the names of thepresent and former Central Ministers

(b) what steps have been taken as yet for the recovery of the amounts and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl AJIT PANJA); (a) and (b) Having regard to the large number of the persons .involved and the fact that they relate to assessments spread all over the country and relating to remote past, the information te be collected will involve stupendous time and labour. There is no spe-cial cell in the department where such information is collected. However, if information is required in respect of any particular person the same can be fur-nished.

Creation of posts in Delhi Judicial Service

1924. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR;

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has proposed to create 169 posts in the